



# Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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## **Indiana State Excise Police Announce August Activity for Gary Enforcement Initiative**

During the month of August, Indiana State Excise Police Officers conducted three enforcement details within the city of Gary. Each detail consisted of approximately 6 officers and lasted from 5-6 hours. The following arrests and citations were issued:

- Three people were arrested for minor consumption of alcohol.
- Two people were arrested for inducing/furnishing alcohol to minors.
- Two people were arrested for being minors in taverns/liquor stores.
- Three people were arrested for possession of marijuana.
- Six people were arrested for driving while suspended.
- One person was cited for littering.
- Sixteen people were issued citations for having open containers of alcohol in a motor vehicle.
- Twelve people were cited for seatbelt violations.
- Eighteen people were issued citation for various traffic/motor vehicle equipment violations.

On August 2, 2008, ISEP Officer Javier Arroyo arrested/incarcerated Mitchell Armstrong, 20 years old, Gary, for being a minor in a liquor store and minor consumption of alcohol.

On August 13, 2008, ISEP Officer Brandon Thomas arrested Robert D. Milton on an active warrant for a probation revocation on the charge of Sale of Cocaine/Narcotics-A Felony. Besides being booked in jail for the warrant, Milton was also booked for false informing, and failure to identify. He also received citations for not wearing his seatbelt and for having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

On August 13, 2008, ISEP Officer Javier Arroyo arrested Charles Williams, Gary, for Driving While Suspended, Auto Theft, Unauthorized Entry of a Motor Vehicle, and Operator Never Licensed. He was also cited for Improper Display of License Plate, No Seatbelt, Open Container of Alcohol, and Consuming While Operating. Also arrested was Leroy McCalister, Gary, and Kenneth Sandidge, Gary, for unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle.

The following businesses were cited by the excise police in August:

- Discount Liquors on 2090 Virginia for allowing a minor to loiter.
- One Stop Liquors on 1436 East 21<sup>st</sup> St. for allowing a minor to loiter.

The Indiana State Excise Police are working to reduce crime in Gary and will continue stepped up enforcement throughout 2008.

To report illegal sales or activities involving alcohol and tobacco, please call the Excise Police at 219-872-6041.